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TO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE PRIORITY

INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, CASC, LA

SUBJECT: DEAN/SHARMAN CASE

GENEVA FOR SIEVERTS

1. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY OFFICER HERE HAS NOTIFIED US THAT THE GOA HAS SENT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO ITS EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE: QUOTE GOA HAS DECIDED A VISIT BY SOTH PETHRASY WOULD NOT BE CONVENIENT NOW TO THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT. EMBASSY IS INSTRUCTED TO INFORM SOTH AND FOREIGN MINISTER PHOUMI VONGVICHIT. GOA IS WILLING, IN MID-MARCH, TO LOOK AGAIN TO SEE IF A VISIT IN MID-APRIL OR MAY WOULD BE CONVENIENT. UNLESS AN AGREEMENT ON RELEASE OR CONSULAR ACCESS TO SHARMAN IS FORTHCOMING IN THE MEANTIME, HOWEVER, SUCH A LATER VISIT WOULD PROBABLY EXPOSE SOTH TO SERIOUS QUESTIONING BY AUSTRALIAN PRESS. END QUOTE.

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2. HOWARD DEAN, IN CONVERSATION THIS MORNING WITH DESK

OFFICER, SAID JOHN SHARMAN HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN TRYING TO
GET GOA TO S,IFFEN ITS POSTURE ON THE CASE. WE ASSUME
THIS, PLUS WORK OF NEIL SHARMON'S FIANCEE WHO IS IN
AUSTRALIA TO PUBLICIZE CASE, MAY BE HAVING RESULTS.

3. DEPARTMENT SEES AUSTRALIAN POSITION IN THE CASE
IMPROVING GRADUALLY AND APPRECIATES WORK EMBASSY CANBERRA
HAS BEEN DOING TO KEEP ISSUE UP FRONT WITH GOA. KISSINGER

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